Revised Constitution of the Library Association, as adopted by the Special General Meeting, held on Thursday, January 30th, 1896.

1. The LIBRARY ASSOCIATION is established for the promotion of the following objects: (*a*) to unite all persons engaged or interested in library work, for the purpose of securing the best administration of libraries; (*b*) to endeavour to obtain better legislation for libraries; (*c*) to aid and encourage the establishment of new libraries; and (*d*) to encourage bibliographical study and research.

2. The Association shall consist of Fellows, Honorary Fellows, Members, and Associates.

Fellows.—Any member of the "Library Association of the United Kingdom," elected within the first year of its foundation; the Founder of a Library; a member of a Library Board; a Librarian; a Member of the Council of the Association; or a person distinguished for bibliographical attainments—may be elected a fellow.

Honorary Fellows.—Persons who have rendered distinguished service in promoting the objects of the Association, or whose election in the opinion of the Council will be advantageous to its interests or objects, may be elected honorary fellows. Honorary fellows may hold office.

Members.—(*a*) Any person interested in the objects of the Association may be elected a member. (*b*) Libraries and other institutions may be admitted to membership upon payment of the annual subscription of one guinea, and they shall be entitled to nominate a delegate who, if approved of by the Council, may attend the meetings of the Association, and on behalf of the library or institution which he represents, shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary membership.

Associates.—Library assistants are eligible for election as associates. They shall enjoy all the privileges of members except that they may not vote or hold office.

3. The Council shall have power to elect as a fellow any qualified member of the Association who has been a subscribing member before 1st March, 1896: otherwise the method of election of fellows, honorary fellows, members and associates, in each case shall be the same, namely, a proposal, giving the candidate's name and qualification, and signed by two fellows or members, shall be submitted to the Council, and if the proposal is approved of by the Council the candidate will be balloted for at the next ensuing meeting of the Association (Monthly, Annual, or Special General), the name of the candidate being given in the notice convening the meeting. A simple majority of those present shall suffice to elect any candidate.

4. Honorary Fellows shall pay no subscription.

Fellows elected before the 1st March, 1896, shall pay an Annual Subscription of One Guinea.

Fellows elected on or after the 1st March, 1896, shall pay an entrance fee of One Guinea and an Annual Subscription of One Guinea.

Members shall pay an Annual Subscription of One Guinea.

Associates shall pay an Annual Subscription of Half-a-Guinea.

All Annual Subscriptions shall be due and payable in advance on the 1st of January in each year.

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If any subscription be not paid within six calendar months the defaulter may be removed from the Association by a vote of the Council. The annual payments of fellows and members (other than delegates) may be commuted by a life-subscription of fifteen guineas, and all life-subscriptions shall be invested by the Council on behalf of the Association.

5. The affairs of the Association shall be managed (subject to the control of Annual and Special General Meetings) by a Council consisting of a President, twelve Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Solicitor, and thirty-two Councillors, of whom twelve shall be resident in London and twenty in the country. To these shall be added all Past Presidents who are willing to serve. The Council shall hold office for one year.

The voting at the election of the Council shall be by ballot. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Council, but the other officers and councillors may be nominated either by the Council or by the fellows and members at large. Nominations by fellows and members must be signed by at least three voters. The voting papers shall include only nominations sent to the Hon. Secretary by the 1st of July in each year. Voting papers shall be sent to each voter, whose subscription is not in arrear, at least four weeks before the Annual Meeting, and the Council shall make such regulations as may best enable all qualified voters to record their votes in a secret ballot. The Scrutineers shall declare the result at the Annual Meeting. A tie shall be decided by lot by the President or Chairman, presiding at the Annual Meeting.

6. On the death or resignation of any elected officer or councillor, the Council, in their discretion, may fill the vacant place.

7. The Council shall present to the annual meeting a general report on the work of the Association during the year.

8. The Hon. Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Association, shall make such payments as the Council directs, and shall keep an account of all receipts, payments, assets and liabilities, of which he shall submit a report to the annual meeting, and, whenever requested, to the Council.

9. The Honorary Solicitor shall advise the Council and Secretary in all matters involving questions of law, and shall advise fellows and members of the Association on questions of Library Law that are of general interest.

10. The Hon. Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings, shall draft reports, issue notices, and conduct correspondence, and shall have the charge of all books, papers, and other property belonging to the Association.

11. Meetings of the Council shall be called by the President, or by the Hon. Secretary, or by any five members of Council, and shall be held at such times and places as may be decided at a Council meeting immediately after the election of the officers and Council, or at any subsequent Council meeting.

12. Two Auditors shall be elected by an open vote of the fellows and members present at the Annual Meeting. They shall present to the Association, at each annual meeting, a report on its financial affairs and shall act as scrutineers of the ballot at the Annual Election of Officers and Council. On the death or resignation of an Auditor, the vacancy shall be filled up by the next Monthly Meeting.

13. The Council may appoint Standing Committees, the members of which may be selected from the Council, and from the Association at large, to deal with various departments of the Association's work under such conditions as from time to time shall be fixed by the Council. Persons who do not belong to the Association may be appointed consultative members of such committees but shall not vote upon any question involving expenditure.

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14. The Council shall have power to appoint such paid officers or servants as may be necessary for the service of the Association upon such terms as they deem proper.

15. There shall be an Annual Meeting, of which at least one calendar month's notice shall be sent to each fellow and member. Notices of motion must be sent to the Hon. Secretary by the 1st July and must be printed in the summons to the meeting.

16. The Annual Meeting shall receive and consider the general report of the Council, the Treasurer's and Auditors' report, and motions of which notice shall have been given in the summons to the meeting, and papers approved by the Council.

17. It shall be lawful for the Council to admit to each Annual Meeting persons who are not fellows, members, or associates. These shall pay a contribution of One Guinea, and shall enjoy all the privileges of the Annual Meeting for which they have subscribed, shall receive the report of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting and any annual publication which is presented gratis to the fellows and members, but shall not be entitled to any vote.

18. Monthly meetings also shall be held at some fixed time and place, of which notice shall be given to all fellows, members, and associates; but the Council shall have power to suspend the meetings during July, August, September, and October. The Council shall have authority to engage rooms for the monthly meetings, and for the formation of a museum of library appliances, and of a bibliographical library.

19. The monthly meetings shall receive papers, which have been approved by the Council, and consider suggestions on all subjects relating to the objects of the Association; shall examine all library appliances and designs submitted to them by the Council; and shall lay their conclusions and recommendations before the Council. They shall further have power to appoint special committees for the investigation of any subject within the purpose of the Association; and the reports of such committees shall be submitted to the Council. No resolution which does not arise immediately out of the business of the meeting may be proposed at a monthly meeting unless at least a fortnight's notice has been given to the Hon. Sec., and the terms of the resolution set forth in the summons to the meeting.

20. On receipt of a requisition from any five members of the Council, or any fifteen fellows and members, the Hon. Secretary shall, by a summons stating the purpose of the meeting, convene, within one calendar month thereafter, a Special General Meeting, provided that the purpose for which the meeting is required be stated in the requisition.

21. In any district containing six fellows or members of the Association, a Local Branch Association may be formed, with a Corresponding Secretary. Resolutions and recommendations forwarded by Local Branch Associations to the Hon. Secretary of the Association shall be laid before the next meeting of the Council.

22. Any fellow, member, or associate may be expelled from the Association by the vote of the majority of those present and voting at any Monthly, Annual, or Special General Meeting, provided notice of the motion for his expulsion has been given on the summons to the meeting and communicated to the fellow, member, or associate, by registered post. Provided always that a fellow, member, or associate who has been expelled at a monthly meeting shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual or Special General Meeting.

23. On the demand of any four fellows or members, any motion submitted to a meeting shall be decided by ballot.

24. The Chairman of any meeting shall have the right of voting, and if the number of the votes, *for* and *against*, be equal he shall also have a casting vote.

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25. The Council may propose any by-laws consistent with the Constitution; such by-laws shall be proposed at a Monthly Meeting and if passed shall have immediate effect.

26. Alterations of the Constitution may be proposed by the Council at an Annual or Special General Meeting, notice of the proposed alteration having been given in the summons of such meeting. Any ten fellows or members may also propose alterations at an Annual or Special General Meeting, by giving six weeks' notice to the Hon. Secretary, who shall include such notice in the summons convening the meeting. But no alteration shall have effect unless it be passed by the votes of two-thirds of the fellows or members present and voting at the said meeting.

27. When the expression, "fellow or member," "fellows or members," or "fellows and members" is used in the constitution it shall be understood that for the purpose referred to, fellows and members are to be regarded as of equal status.

Library Association Examinations.

UPON the recommendation of the Examinations Committee, the Council has resolved that candidates who have passed in three out of the five subjects of the old Preliminary Examination will be permitted to sit for the remaining subjects, either in July, 1896, or in January, 1897.

The Council has also empowered the Examinations Committee to accept certificates as evidence of preliminary general education, other than those mentioned in the list published by the General Medical Council. Each of such certificates will be considered on its merits.

All certificates to be submitted for the consideration of the Examinations Committee should be forwarded to the Hon. Sec. of the Committee, J. W. KNAPMAN, Esq., 17, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.

Library Association Summer School, 1896.

THE Summer School Committee have provisionally fixed June 15th to 20th as the date of the forthcoming Session. The School will be opened by a lecture on Monday evening, by Mr. T. H. Cobden-Sanderson. Mr. E. Gordon Duff has consented to deliver two lectures on bibliographical subjects; Dr. Garnett and Mr. T. F. Hobson are expected to lecture on Modern Literature; the Rev. W. H. Milman has promised to give a demonstration of his system of classification and shelf arrangement at Sion College. A demonstration of cataloguing will be given by Mr. Borrajo, at the Guildhall; and a lecture on Library Buildings is promised by Mr. Burgoyne.

In addition to the above, the Committee are arranging for a series of visits to libraries and workshops of different kinds, similar to those of preceding years.

Miss James has kindly consented to do her best to secure accommodation for lady students, and the Committee will also arrange, if possible, for the accommodation of other provincial students.

It has been decided to hold an examination at the end of the week's work. This examination will not be compulsory, but it is hoped that all students who can do so will make it convenient to sit. Prizes of £3 3s., £2 2s., and £1 1s., respectively, will be given upon the results of the examination; and, in addition to these, Mr. MacAlister has placed at the disposal of the Committee a Special Prize of £2 2s. for the best Report on the work of the week: this prize will be adjudicated by Dr.

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